

# Housing Issues

- Most folks re-entering are prohibited from living in low-income housing, and
- The absence of stable housing is one the leading predictors of a future violent crime

- 1.It prohibits those formerly incarcerated from finding suitable housing.
- 2.It keeps them from living with their families.
- 3.It leads them to live in less than desirable environments.
- 4.It limits the quality of treatment services and supervision available to them.
- 5.It even restricts the access to valuable services to other family members.

# What the Public Wants

- 1.To be safe from violent crime.
- 2.Offenders to be held accountable.
- 3.Repair the damage done.
- 4.Treatment for a Safe Release.
- 5.Involvement in decision making.
- 6.Fiscal responsibility & cooperation

# Georgia Parole Board

- Not having suitable housing
- Lost employment, and
- Disconnected from family

# What we are doing?

- They think we understand each other's issues.
- They think that we all work together every day trying to determine solutions for these complicated issues.
- They think that we are making good use of their tax dollars.

# Benefits of Housing

- This will cost them less per month for the entire family than what they must pay just to stay in a correctional residential facility.
- It will allow the family unit to receive supportive services and wrap-around services including treatment programs, workforce development, access to child care, etc
- It will provide a safe and structured setting with probation offices on site.
- It will give families a chance to succeed.

# Timing is Right

- Congress is considering the Second Chance Act.
- The President has called this the country of second chances.
- The Corporation for Supportive Housing is focused on those who were incarcerated.
- RS Eden in Minneapolis and the Safer Foundation in Chicago have done so.
- Local communities in Iowa have seen this problem in need of a solution.
- The Community Corrections Improvement Association is poised to create this type of housing in Iowa.

# Solutions for Housing

- With a public safety presence on site.
- With supportive services.
- With wrap around services for the entire family
- And with long term sustainability



# Let Community be Our Guide

- We are providing a solution to a problem they are concerned about.
- We can demonstrate our ability to work together. They already expect that from us.
- We can increase community betterment through housing solutions.
- We can help struggling families during their time of need to be successful.